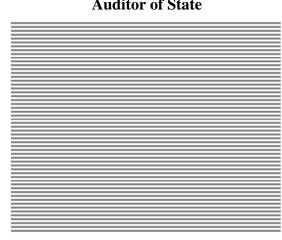
SAMPLE GAAP CITY AUDIT REPORT SUPPLEMENT JUNE 30, 2005

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Fellow CPAs:

This sample report is presented by the Office of Auditor of State as required by Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa. In developing this report, we have made every effort to ensure the highest professional standards have been followed while attempting to provide meaningful and useful information to the citizens, our ultimate client.

For the year ended June 30, 2005, guidance on changes and updates is provided in this audit report supplement format. This supplement should be used in conjunction with the fiscal 2004 sample report previously issued by this office.

Audits of governmental subdivisions should be performed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and, if applicable, the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

Beginning with audits for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, references to Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa in the Independent Auditor's Report (1) on the financial statements, (2) on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards and (3) on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 are no longer required. We have determined the Chapter 11 audit requirements are met through the application of generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards. This change does NOT affect the audit procedures to be applied in auditing compliance with the requirements of Chapter 11, such as a review of internal control, testing of transactions for compliance, and for schools, an audit of the certified annual report and the certified enrollment. This is only a change in reporting.

This sample report has been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and conforms to guidelines provided in <u>Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards</u> published by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The format displays the basic financial statements, required and other supplementary information and the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs which are necessary to meet the requirements of this office. The detail presented in the financial statements and supplementary information is the minimum breakdown that will be acceptable subject, of course, to materiality considerations. If the auditor and the local government feel more detail is necessary to provide a fair presentation, this of course will be welcome. A sample such as this cannot present all situations which you may encounter, so the auditor's professional judgment must be used in determining the additional information to be shown as well as the footnotes to be presented.

We have included as attachments to this letter some information related to municipal utility audits. We have also included illustrations of note disclosure for a city's participation in the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (note X) (as noted in the June 30, 2004 sample report) and Iowa Community Assurance Pool (ICAP), a local government risk pool (note Y).

Entities with \$500,000 or more of federal expenditures are required to receive a Single Audit in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, <u>Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.</u> Any questions concerning Single Audit requirements should be directed to the City's cognizant or oversight agency.

In accordance with OMB Circular A-133, one copy of the reporting package and Data Collection Form shall be submitted within 30 days after issuance of the audit report to a central clearinghouse. The Data Collection Form is available on the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) website at http://harvester.census.gov/sac or by calling 1-800-253-0696 (Form number SF-SAC). Auditees are encouraged to use the on-line Internet submission option available on the FAC website. Submission of the on-line Internet Form SF-SAC will require the user to submit a hard copy of the final form with the auditee and auditor signatures. Additional copies of the reporting package or notifications of audit should be submitted to the central clearinghouse or to grantor pass-through entities in accordance with the filing requirements of the Circular.

The Office of Management and Budget has designated the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census as the Single Audit Clearinghouse. Reporting packages should be submitted to:

Federal Audit Clearinghouse 1201 E. 10th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132

The findings on compliance, items IV-A-04 through IV-H-04 (as noted in the June 30, 2004 sample report), detail those items which are to be included regardless of whether there are any instances of non-compliance or not. Any instances of non-compliance in other areas should also be reported.

We have also included a page for listing the staff actually performing the audit. Although we have found this page to be helpful, you are not required to use it.

Reports, including the management letters(s) if issued separately, are to be filed with this office within nine months following the end of the fiscal year subject to audit. However, reports should be filed with this office upon release to the City. The per diem audit billing (including fee, expenses and hours) should be submitted with the reports filed with our office.

Public access to reports issued by the Auditor of State and by CPA firms will be available through the internet. To allow this, you should submit an electric copy of each FY2005 audit report, in PDF format, to our office in addition to the two paper copies submitted. The PDF files should be e-mailed to submitteports@auditor.state.ia.us. If you are unable to e-mail the file, you may mail a CD containing the PDF file to our office. You may direct any questions about submitting the electronic copy of the audit reports to the above e-mail address.

As required by Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa, the news media are to be notified of the issuance of the audit report by the CPA firm, unless the firm has made other arrangements with the local government for the notification. We have developed a standard news release to be used for this purpose. The news release may be completed by the local government and a copy should be sent to this office with two copies of the audit report sent by the CPA firm. We will make a copy of the audit report and news release available to the news media in this office.

In accordance with Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa, this office is to be notified immediately regarding any suspected embezzlement or theft.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all CPA firms who are providing audit or other services to local governments. Together, we are able to provide a significant benefit to all taxpayers in the state.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, guidance on changes and updates is provided in this 2005 Audit Report Supplement. This supplement should be used in conjunction with the fiscal 2004 sample audit report previously issued by this office.

Additional Footnotes

1. Note (Y) Risk Management - Replace with attached note.

Information Related to Municipal Utility Audits

2. Replace with attached page.

Additional Notes

3. Insert attached Number 4 regarding telecommunication services.

News Release

4. Delete 2^{nd} paragraph regarding implementation of new reporting standard.

Independent Auditor's Report (IAR)

5. Replace with the attached report.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

- 6. Delete 2nd paragraph
- 7. Under the government-wide financial analysis, the financial information presented for net assets and changes in net assets should include information for two years and the discussion that follows these tables should include explanations for increases or decreases from FY2004 to FY2005. See June 30, 2004 Sample County report MD&A for an example of a two year presentation.
- 8. Under the capital assets and debt administration section, the capital assets and long-term debt information should be presented for two years. See June 30, 2004 Sample County report MD&A for an example of a two year presentation.

Notes to the Financial Statements

- 9. Note 1.B. Basis of Presentation Replace Government-wide Financial Statements section with the attached revised section.
- 10. Note 1.D. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Equity Replace Capital Assets section with the attached revised section.
- 11. Note 7 Pension and Retirement Benefits replace with the attached note.
- 12. Note 13 Accounting Change and Restatements delete note.

Required Supplementary Information (RSI)

13. Notes to RSI – Budgetary Reporting – replace with attached note.

Other Supplementary Information (RSI)

14. Schedule 4, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards – change the program names as follows:

Program Name FY04	Program Name FY05	CFDA <u>Number</u>
Community Development Block Grant	Community Development Block Grant/State's Program	14.228
Hazard Mitigation Grant	Public Assistance Grants	97.036

<u>Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over</u> <u>Financial Reporting</u>

15. Replace with the attached report.

<u>Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance</u>

16. Replace with the attached report.

(Y) Risk Management

The City is a member in the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 670.7 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool whose 509 members include various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property, inland marine, and boiler/machinery. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 300 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if insufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The City's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as disbursements from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The City's annual contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2005 were \$

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk-sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials' liability risks up to \$250,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$100,000 each occurrence, each location, with excess coverage reinsured on an individual-member basis.

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risksharing protection provided by the member's risk-sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total members' equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk-sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual

member. As of June 30, 2005, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance coverage since the pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days' prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all claims and claims expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their capital contributions. If a member withdraws after the sixth year, the member is refunded 100 percent of its capital contributions. However, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

The City also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with _______. The City assumes liability for any deductibles, and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Information Related to Municipal Utility Audits

Municipal Utility audit report format should include the following:

- 1. Officials
- 2. Independent Auditor's Report
- 3. Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 4. Financial Statements
- 5. Required Supplementary Information (comparison of budget to actual)
- 6. Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>
- 7. Schedule of Findings:

Findings Related to the Financial Statements

Other Findings Related to Statutory Reporting:

- a. Official Depositories
- b. Certified Budget
- c. Questionable Disbursements
- d. Travel Expense
- e. Business Transactions
- f. Bond Coverage
- g. Board Minutes
- h. Revenue Bonds/Notes
- i. Deposits and Investments
- j. Telecommunication Services (if applicable)

Findings (a) through (j) are to be included regardless of whether there are any instances of non-compliance or not. See additional notes number 4 for more information relating to finding (j) on telecommunication services.

Municipal Utilities may be component units of a City which may affect the Independent Auditor's Report and the footnote disclosure of the reporting entity.

Municipal Utility audits must meet the reporting and filing requirements prescribed in Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa and must be performed in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Additional Notes

4. Under Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa, the City has the responsibility to ensure these provisions are met as well as the responsibility for annual certification of compliance. In any year when the City or utility is not audited, the City or utility must contract with the Auditor of State or a certified public accountant to "attest to the certification".

The Auditor of State is currently addressing other issues related to this requirement, such as applicability of the RFP process, filing of attestation reports with this Office, applicability of filing fee to attestation reports and other related issues. Updates will be posted at www.auditor.iowa.gov/index.html in the Audit Practice Aids – Technical Update section.

Chapter 11.6(1)(a) requires the audit of a City that owns or operates a municipal utility providing telecommunications services to include an audit of the City's compliance with Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa. Procedures to test this compliance requirement are included in the 2005 City Audit Program Guide Supplement.

If these provisions are applicable to the City, the auditor is required to include a comment on telecommunications services in the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, regardless of whether there is non-compliance or not.

Following are sample audit report comments for reporting on telecommunication services.

No non-compliance noted – for separate Utility audit or City audit which includes the Utility:

<u>Telecommunication Services</u> – No instances of non-compliance with Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa were noted.

Non-compliance noted – for separate Utility audit or City audit which includes the Utility:

<u>Telecommunication Services</u> – The City (or Utility) did not consistently allocate the cost of use of City (or Utility) employees, equipment and other services used by the telecommunication municipal utility as required by Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa. The allocation of costs to the utility was based on time studies of certain City (or utility) employees but the percentage allocations included mathematical errors. The errors resulted in an understatement of telecommunication services expenses of \$7,616 for the year ended June 30, 2005.

<u>Recommendation</u> – A corrective transfer of \$7,616 should be made from the Telecommunications Services Fund to the Gas Fund.

Response – A corrective transfer will be made.

<u>Conclusion</u> – Response accepted.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sample GAAP City, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Sample GAAP City's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sample GAAP City at June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated September 20, 2005 on our consideration of the Sample GAAP City's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 7 through 12 and 54 through 57 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sample GAAP City's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the three years ended June 30, 2004 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 4, including the accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State

September 20, 2005

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which are supported by property tax and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the City's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories.

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, equipment and vehicles and infrastructure assets (e.g. roads, bridges, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and similar items which are immovable and of value only to the government) are reported in the applicable governmental or business type activities columns in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and in the Proprietary Funds Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repair not adding to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the City as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

Asset Class	Amount
Land, buildings and improvements	\$ 25,000
Equipment and vehicles	5,000
Infrastructure	50,000

Capital assets of the City are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

	Estimated
	Useful Lives
Asset Class	(In Years)
Buildings	40-50 years
Improvements other than buildings	20-50 years
Vehicles	10-15 years
Equipment	5-30 years
Infrastructure	15-20 years

(7) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The City contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 3.70% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute 5.75% of annual covered payroll except for police employees, in which case the percentages are 6.16% and 9.23%, respectively. For the year ended June 30, 2004, the contribution rates for police employees and the City were 5.93% and 8.90%, respectively, and for the year ended June 30, 2003, the contribution rates for police employees and the City were 6.04% and 9.07%, respectively. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The City's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2005, 2004 and 2003 were \$411,927, \$410,298 and \$391,314, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Sample GAAP City

Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

Year ended June 30, 2005

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the City Council annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon 9 major classes of disbursements known as functions, not by fund or fund type. These 9 functions are: public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Enterprise Funds. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. During the year, two budget amendments increased budgeted disbursements by \$761,180. These budget amendments are reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended June 30, 2005, disbursements in the debt service function exceeded the amount budgeted.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance

and Other Matters

Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with

Government Auditing Standards

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sample GAAP City, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents and have issued our report thereon dated September 20, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Sample GAAP City's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Sample GAAP City's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sample GAAP City's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our

audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in Part IV of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the City's operations for the year ended June 30, 2005 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the City. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the Sample GAAP City and other parties to whom the Sample GAAP City may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the Sample GAAP City during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

September 20, 2005

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable
to Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance
in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

To the Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council:

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of the Sample GAAP City, Iowa, with the types of compliance requirements described in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2004. The Sample GAAP City's major federal program is identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the Sample GAAP City's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Sample GAAP City's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards, and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Sample GAAP City's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Sample GAAP City's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the Sample GAAP City complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2005.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the Sample GAAP City is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Sample GAAP City's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of

expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that non-compliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of the Sample GAAP City and other parties to whom the Sample GAAP City may report, including federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

September 20, 2005

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA Auditor of State